

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 305

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Coach Randy Lambert, Maryville College Men's Basketball Coach, upon his 500th victory.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those remarkable coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such esteemed individual is Randy Lambert of Maryville College, who, on February 24, 2007, captured his 500<sup>th</sup> career victory as Head Coach of the Maryville College Fighting Scots men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lambert's 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Fighting Scots secured the victory over LaGrange to win the Great South Athletic Conference championship, thus setting the milestone for their coach and claiming the team's sixth conference title under his astute tutelage; and

WHEREAS, a hometown hero who now boasts a career record of 500 wins against 221 losses, Coach Lambert has led the men's basketball teams at Maryville College, his alma mater, since 1980, having played basketball at both Maryville High School and Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, the son of Harold D. "Sonny" and Jean Teffeteller Lambert of Maryville, Coach Lambert's 500 wins and .693 winning percentage places him 28<sup>th</sup> nationally in NCAA Division III in number of career victories and 12<sup>th</sup> in percentage of victories; and

WHEREAS, Coach Randy Lambert and the Fighting Scots will most assuredly add to his record as they have recently received their 14<sup>th</sup> invitation – the ninth consecutive – to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs this season; and

WHEREAS, since his first win many years ago, Coach Lambert has received much praise for his unsurpassed coaching skills while earning the respect of his peers, colleagues,

players, and Fighting Scots fans alike for his dedication to Maryville College both as coach and in his capacity as athletic director; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Coach Randy Lambert has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his student athletes to reach their potential on the floor and in life with many former players now in the coaching ranks themselves; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should commend and applaud Coach Lambert on this tremendous milestone in his exemplary coaching career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Head Coach Randy Lambert of Maryville College for his honorable and astute service to the young athletes of this State and join with his family, friends, players, and fans in celebrating his 500<sup>th</sup> career victory as coach of the Fighting Scots men's basketball team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.